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non-elastomer materials; and the like. Likewise, the film substrate 46 can be formed from any suitable material known in the art.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 8-16 with the following paragraph:

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--This test measures the static shear strength of a mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond. The test utilizes a static load at an elevated temperature to simulate extended wear conditions. The test is considered an accelerated test, because the test load and temperatures are intentionally high to reduce the test time. The particular mechanical fastener tested in the present example included a hook-type fastener tab attached to a film substrate, which is in turn attached to an elastomer substrate which is in turn attached to backsheet material. The control samples utilized a traditional hot melt adhesive to secure the component pieces together. The test samples utilized a slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesive according to the present invention to secure the component pieces together.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below. The following amended claims are provided here in "clean form" and in Appendix B in "marked-up" form, showing additions by underlines and deletions in brackets, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c).

~~Please REWRITE claims 1, 2 and 8 as follows:~~

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1. (Amended) A method for attaching a mechanical fastener to an absorbent article comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing said absorbent article;
 - b) providing said mechanical fastener;
 - c) applying a slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesive to said absorbent article in a target area; and